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FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO HORN OF AFRICA COLLECTIVE IMMEDIATE  
XMT AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO  
AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

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FOLLOWING REPEAT MOGADISCIO 0757 ACTION STATE NAIROBI APR 9.

QUOTE ON CONFIDENTIAL MOGADISCIO 0757

DEPT ALSO PASS HORN OF AFRICA COLLECTIVE

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINT, MOPS, SO  
SUBJ: SIAD ANNOUNCES REVOLT CRUSHED

REF: MOGADISCIO 0751

1. PRESIDENT SIAD SPOKE ON RADIO MOGADISCIO AT 1030Z ANNOUNCING AN ATTEMPTED COUP AND REPORTING THAT DISLOYAL ELEMENTS WERE CRUSHED. ROUGH TRANSLATION OF SIAD'S BRIEF REMARKS FOLLOWS: QTE AT 4 O'CLOCK THIS MORNING SOME OFFICERS AND SOLDIERS ATTEMPTED TO OVERTHROW THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT - BUT LOYAL OFFICERS AND SOLDIERS CRUSHED THE REACTIONARIES. AS YOU ALL KNOW, THE NEW IMPERIALISM HAS BEEN BEATING ITS DRUMS, SAYING THAT SOMALIA HAS LOST THE FIGHTING OR HAS BEEN DEFEATED, THAT SOMALIA IS ECONOMICALLY WEAK. SO SOME ELEMENTS WHO HAVE BEEN WORKING FOR THE

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IMPERIALISTS HAVE ATTEMPTED TO DIVIDE THE NATION, BUT AS I SAID EARLIER THEY HAVE BEEN CRUSHED. AND NOW I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT EVERYTHING IS UNDER CONTROL, BUT WE MUST BE VIGILANT. UNQTE

2. RADIO MOGADISCIO NEWS ANNOUNCED THERE WERE CASUALTIES, SOME KILLED, SOME WOUNDED, AND SOME CAPTURED. NO FIGURES WERE GIVEN.

3. CIVIL AIR OPERATIONS ARE APPAENTLY NORMAL. THE SOMALI AIRLINES FLIGHT TO CAIRO AND ROME DEPARTED A FEW MINUTES LATE, BUT THIS IS NOT EXTRAORDINARY. AIRPORT APPEARS CALM WITH NO SIGN OF UNUSUAL SECURITY PRECAUTIONS OR PRESENCE OF TROOPS THERE.

4. THE PRESIDENTIAL COMPOUND REMAINS HEAVILY GUARDED. OTHERWISE, THE CITY OF MOGADISCIO IS CALM. EMBASSY OBSERVER REPORTS SOME ADDITIONAL FIRING WEST ON THE AFGOI ROAD, BUT NO OTHER SIGNS OF COMBAT EVIDENT AS OF 1200Z.

A. LOUGHAN  
UNQUOTE VANCE

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